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3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).							
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)							
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  Paper No(s)/Mail Date  Paper No(s)/Mail Date  Paper No(s)/Mail Date  Other:	3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)	5) Notice of Informal Pa					

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## Election/Restrictions

 Claims 1-9, drawn to a contact for an electrical component, classified in class 439, subclass 1+.

II. Claims 10-20, drawn to a multilayer piezoelectric component, classified in class 310, subclass 366.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions of Group I and of Group II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions have different modes of operation since the electrical component is not required to be piezoelectric and therefor may be a broad range of non-piezoelectric components.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim

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remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Direct inquiry concerning this action to Examiner Dougherty at (571) 272-2022.

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